

LOUISIANA.

Ruston: Rev. J. B. Carpenter, of West Virginia, has decided to accept the call to the pastorate of this church.

New Orleans: First Street German. The pastor, Rev. Louis Voss, and his wife were agreeably surprised on their recent twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in receiving an elegant silver table service of knives, forks and spoons in handsome rosewood case from the members of the church. Owing to a death in the household which occurred last summer, the kind donors had abstained from presenting this gift in person. The pastor thanked his people from the pulpit on the following Sabbath in tender words.

Minutes of the Synod: The printed minutes of the recent meeting of the Synod of Louisiana held in Alexandria have been mailed to all the pastors of the churches and to vacant churches so far as addresses of officers were known. Those who failed to get them can obtain them by addressing the Stated Clerk, Rev. Louis Voss, 932 Second street, New Orleans.

MISSISSIPPI.

Presbytery of Mississippi held a called meeting in Brookhaven, December 14, and dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. E. Phifer and Brookhaven church and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Western District. Rev. R. V. Lancaster, D. D., was appointed to preach in the Brookhaven church one Sunday in January, 1910.

S. C. Caldwell,
Stated Clerk.

Synod of Mississippi: During this month of December, we have Elders in every Presbytery of the state occupying the pulpits of our larger churches while the ministers from those pulpits are going out to the local mission points and pastorless churches to supply them with preaching of the Word, receive members into the church, baptize infants and do evangelistic work. The movement is gaining ground rapidly and next month will see double the number of such transfers made, as compared with December.

W. C. Smith, Secretary.

Port Gibson: The annual declamation contest of the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy occurred on the night of December 9. The attendance was unusually large. Rev. M. E. Melvin, the president, presided. The band rendered an interesting program. The contest was one of the most interesting and entertaining in the history of the institution. All the declamations were classic and were well delivered. The Delphic Society was successful over the Columbian this year.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Bethphage: The Presbytery of Concord has dissolved the pastoral relation between this church and Rev. L. H. Query.

Graham: Sixteen new members have been received, nine on profession of faith, three baptized. This makes thirty-seven accessions this year, eighteen on profession. Twelve of these were non-Presbyterian. The membership now numbers 276. We have recently had an

enjoyable meeting in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. Melton Clark and Rev. R. M. Williams, of Greensboro. The congregation will vote next Sabbath on the question of devoting Sunday afternoon to the teaching service and abolishing the evening service.

Charlotte: The First Church has arranged for a series of evangelistic services, to begin January 9, and to be conducted by Rev. William Black, the Synodical evangelist.

Steele Creek: This great church, the largest country church in all our connection, will celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary next August. A "Home Coming" is to be one of the features of the occasion. The church is bringing forth fruit in her old age, and is as vigorous as ever. On the first Sunday of the present month Messrs. Lester W. Byrum, Henry W. Davis, and I. B. Faïres were ordained and installed as ruling elders, making thirteen now in the session. Rev. W. A. Cleveland is the hard working and successful pastor.

Davidson: Partial returns from the Winston campaign in behalf of Davidson's endowment fund indicate or rather make it certain that this church is also measuring up well to expectations and is giving generously in response to the appeal. Among the gifts calling for special mention is that of Mr. George Brown, who offers \$1,000 to endow a ministerial scholarship, this to be named for his father, the late Rufus D. Brown. An interesting fact connected with the founding of this scholarship is that Mr. Rufus D. Brown himself endowed a scholarship at Davidson in the name of his father, Thomas Brown. Thus it seems the good work continues from generation to generation.

Durham: The newly organized church at Edgemont has recently been the scene of a rather unusual protracted effort to reach lost souls. The pastor, Rev. Carl Barth, found that a number of his members were desirous that they also should have a "meeting" as well as the other churches in Edgemont. They were promised by the pastor that he would assume the responsibility of doing the preaching if they on their part would covenant with him to hold him up in prayer and personal work. The result of the eighteen nights' meeting showed the marvellous possibilities of sympathetic co-operation between pastor and people, and that God does answer prayer. Between three and four score people made a profession of faith. Over two dozen united with our communion, and the outlook of our work for the future is bright.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Blacksburg: At a recent meeting of the congregation of Calvary Presbyterian Church a call was extended to the Rev. W. B. Arrowood to take charge of the church here as pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his labors here on the first Sunday in January. The congregation has been without a pastor for a year or more, and the coming of the Rev. Mr. Arrowood is looked forward to

with much pleasure.—News and Courier.

To the Synod of South Carolina: Brethren: In accepting your call to the work of superintendent of local Home Missions permit me to say, that I appreciate the great importance of the work committed to me and crave your help in it. I love the pastorate and nothing but your unanimous call and the repeated private solicitation of brethren from all parts of the Synod could make me feel that it was my duty to undertake it. I pledge you the best that I can do. All funds in the hands of church treasurers should be forwarded to me promptly, as there is urgent need just now. Fraternally,

G. G. Mayes.

Laurens: The fifteen day revival meeting at the First Presbyterian Church came to a close tonight. These meetings have been conducted by Dr. J. Ernest Thacker, formerly pastor in Norfolk, Va., but now secretary of the evangelistic committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He is assisted in the services by Prof. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, who have charge of the music.

The meetings just closed here have been probably the most remarkable ever held in this city. They were characterized by the unusually large attendance at every service regardless of weather, the close attention given the able sermons, the excellent chorus music and the many professions of faith. Up to Tuesday there had been something over ninety who professed faith and united with the various churches of the city.

Dr. Thacker came here from Austin Texas; he leaves tomorrow for his home in Norfolk. Early in January he goes, with a number of other evangelists to the state of Maine for a religious campaign.—The Chronicle.

TEXAS.

San Angelo: Rev. J. W. Siler, D. D., pastor, is almost at the western limit of Presbyterianism in Texas. They have a nice, new church, handsomely finished and a growing membership roll. Quite a number have united with it since the late meeting of Synod held there. Many of the Cumberland Presbyterians have united with this church instead of the church north, and are working harmoniously and effectively. The pastor's health is quite delicate, but he says his people have been kindly considerate in not making unreasonable demands upon his time and strength. The church seems to be in fine working condition.

Ballinger: Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., pastor, has had quite an acquisition of strength by reason of the Cumberlands uniting with his church instead of going into the church north. This church, as well as the others at this place, has profited greatly from a revival conducted there a short time since by Evangelist Lockett Adair, the converted Dallas policeman.

Winters: The church at this place is in its infancy, the town itself being quite young. But though small, and its members few, embracing the Cumberland

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